

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 6 and 8-14 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 8 are amended, claims 2-5 and 7 are canceled, and claim 14 is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

As requested in the June 1 and 2, 2009 Amendments, Applicants again request the Examiner to provide return a fully initially copy of the PTO/SB/08a filed on January 4, 2006.

The drawings were objected to as failing to show the subject matter of claim 2. By this Amendment, claim 2 is canceled thereby obviating the rejection.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Aida et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,445,249) in view of JP-542789 (JP '789). Further, claims 9-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Aida et al., in view of JP '789, and further in view of Wood (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0134733). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 and new claim 14 are each directed to a vibration absorber, comprising a damping mechanism disposed between at least two of the leaf springs in which the concave surface of one of at least two of the leaf springs faces the concave surface of the other one of at least two of the leaf springs. Thus, it is possible to provide a dynamic vibration absorber that can be compactly installed with the damping mechanism without mutual interference of the leaf springs and the damping mechanism, even if the mass of the weight is large, as there is no need to especially provide a large space with respect to a structure for allowing the weight to undergo predetermined swinging motion.

Aida, JP '789 and Wood do not disclose a damping mechanism disposed between the concave surface of one of at least two of the leaf springs and the concave surface of the other of at least two of the leaf springs.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are patentable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee is attached hereto.

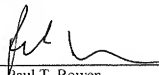
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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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